

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
ACKERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

James Couk

Age: 37

Occupation: Reprographer

Education and Qualifications: I understand the importance and significance of the small school. When I graduated high school from Gerlach, Nevada in 1985, three students were in my graduating class. The entire school system K - 12 had just over 100 children. I consider that type of education with extremely low student to teacher ratio, invaluable to the individual student.

I currently have two children attending Bowman School, and my son will be entering kindergarten at Bowman in few years. My wife attended Bowman School from kindergarten through the eighth grade. Through my wife's memories and my children's experiences, I feel a strong connection with Bowman School, and I would like the opportunity not only to maintain Bowman School's proven history of excellent education, but also to do whatever can be done to improve the school in any way possible.

I am not politically motivated to run for the Bowman School Board, I am just a parent who wishes for the very best for the children attending Bowman School.